

REMARKS

After introduction of the amendment set forth above, claims 1-23 will be pending in the application of which claims 1 and 20 are independent. Claims 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 17 and 22 have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency of the claims. Support for the above amendments can be found throughout the original application as filed. Applicants submit that no new matter has been introduced by the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosure: Appendix

APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS SHOWING CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

4. (Amended) A polyisocyanate composition according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 in which the acetoacetate ester is ethyl acetoacetate.
5. (Amended) A polyisocyanate composition according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 in which the complex has been prepared from a titanium alkoxide having the general formula  $M(OR)_4$  in which M is Ti and R is substituted or unsubstituted, cyclic or linear, alkyl, alkenyl group.
8. (Amended) A polyisocyanate composition according to [any one of claims 1-7] claim 1 in which the complex has been prepared from a condensed titanium alkoxide having the general formula  $RO[M(OR)_2O]_xR$  in which M is [Ti] Ti and x is an integer and R is substituted or unsubstituted, cyclic or linear, alkyl, alkenyl group.
10. (Amended) A polyisocyanate composition according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 in which the complex is prepared from an alkoxide and displaced alcohol is removed.
11. (Amended) A polyisocyanate composition according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 in which the complex is present in an amount in the range 0.03 to 1% by weight based on the polyisocyanate.
13. (Amended) A polyisocyanate composition according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 in which the polyisocyanate is diphenylmethane diisocyanate or a mixture of methylene bridged polyphenyl polyisocyanates.

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14. (Amended) A polyisocyanate composition according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 additionally comprising a diluent.

17. (Amended) A polyisocyanate composition according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1 additionally comprising a formaldehyde condensate adhesive resin.

22. (Amended) A process according to claim 20 [or 21] in which the polyisocyanate composition is applied in such an amount as to give a weight ratio of polyisocyanate to lignocellulosic material in the range 0.1:99.9 to 20:80.

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